

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

July 8, 2009

Item Number 5

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the June 2009 California Transportation Commission Meeting

Background: The California Transportation Commission is responsible for the programming and allocation of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California. The CTC consists of eleven voting members and two non-voting ex-officio members. Of the eleven voting members, nine are appointed by the Governor, one is appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and one is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. The San Francisco Bay Area has four (4) CTC members in its geographic area: Bob Alvarado, Jim Ghielmetti, Carl Guardino, and Phil Tagami. The CTC meets regularly throughout the year.

June CTC Meeting (June 10-11, Sacramento, California)

The CTC met in June and discussed several key issues affecting the region:

Budget and Allocation Capacity Update

Caltrans reported that due to the uncertainties surrounding the state budget and how the state will deal with the projected \$24 billion shortfall, next year's allocation capacity would not be available until adoption of a revised budget for FY 2009-10. Until then, Caltrans and CTC staff recommended no new allocations of state funds. Federal funds (such as SHOPP) may still be allocated.

State TE Projects to be Funded by Federal Stimulus

The CTC approved a list of nearly \$30 million worth of TE projects to be funded by the state's share of the federal stimulus. The region had a number of projects on this list, including \$2.5 million for the US-101 Bike/Ped Bridge in Belmont, \$2 million for the US-101 Gap Closure Bike Lane in Marin County, and \$0.4 million for US-101 Native Revegetation in Marin County.

State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) Guidelines

The CTC reviewed the SLPP Guidelines for FY 2009-10, but deferred adoption of the guidelines until July, so that a public hearing could be held in Southern California. The region is working closely with Commission staff to allocate \$31 million in SLPP funds for the BART Warm Springs Extension project, as well as working on getting legislative approval of a "Letter of No Prejudice" process for bond funds.

Issues: No issues.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: No attachments.